

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule ~~including~~ comprising a sequence of nucleotides selected from the group consisting of (a) a nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:2 or 3; (b) a sequence which hybridises to SEQ ID NO:2 or 3 under moderately stringent or high stringency conditions; (c) a complement of (a) or (b); and (d) a fragment or variant of (a), (b) or (c) having at least 95% identity to a portion of the sequence of (a), (b) or (c) upon which the fragment or variant is based and having a size of at least 100 nucleotides;

wherein said molecule is capable of modifying pollen-specific expression.

2. (Original) An isolated nucleic acid molecule according to claim 1 wherein said molecule is capable of modifying pollen-specific expression of an operably-linked second nucleic acid molecule.

3. (Original) An isolated nucleic acid molecule according to claim 2 from a ryegrass (*Lolium*) or Fescue (*Festuca*) species.

4. (Original) An isolated nucleic acid molecule according to claim 3 from perennial ryegrass (*L. perenne*).

5. (Original) An isolated nucleic acid molecule according to claim 2 wherein said second nucleic acid molecule is capable of down-regulating expression of a pollen allergen.

6. (Original) An isolated nucleic acid molecule according to claim 5 wherein said pollen allergen is *Lol p 1* and/or *Lol p 2*.

7. (Original) A vector including a nucleic acid molecule according to claim 1.

8. (Original) A vector according to claim 7, further including a second nucleic acid molecule and a terminator, said nucleic acid molecule, second nucleic acid molecule and terminator being operably linked so as to result in expression of said second nucleic acid molecule.

9. (Original) A vector according to claim 8 wherein said second nucleic acid molecule is capable of modifying expression of a pollen allergen.

10. (Original) A vector according to claim 9 wherein said pollen allergen is *Lol p 1* and/or *Lol p 2*.

11. (Original) A chimeric gene including a nucleic acid molecule according to claim 1 operably linked to a second nucleic acid molecule.

12. (Original) A chimeric gene according to claim 11 wherein said second nucleic acid molecule is capable of modifying expression of a pollen allergen.

13. (Original) A chimeric gene according to claim 12 wherein said pollen allergen is *Lol p 1* and/or *Lol p 2*.

14. (Original) A plant cell, plant, plant seed or other plant part including a nucleic acid molecule according to claim 1, a vector according to claim 7 or a chimeric gene according to claim 11.

15. (Original) A low allergy plant including a nucleic acid molecule according to claim 1, a vector according to claim 7 or a chimeric gene according to claim 11.

16. (Original) A low allergy plant according to claim 15 which is a ryegrass or fescue.

17. (Original) A method of modifying gene expression in pollen said method including introducing into a plant cell an effective amount of a nucleic acid molecule according to claim 1, a vector according to claim 7 or a chimeric gene according to claim 11.

18. (Original) A method of producing a plant with reduced male fertility compared with a wild-type plant, said method including introducing into the plant a nucleic acid molecule according to claim 1 in combination with a further nucleic acid molecule capable of modulating male fertility.

19. (Original) A method according to claim 18 wherein said further nucleic acid molecule is capable of modifying pollen development.

20. (Original) A method according to claim 19 wherein said further nucleic acid molecule encodes bacterial ribonuclease barnase.

21. (Original) A plant produced by a method according to claim 18.

22. (Original) A plant according to claim 21 wherein said plant is a male sterile plant.

23. (Original) A preparation for transforming a plant including a nucleic acid molecule according to claim 1.

24. (New) An isolated nucleic acid molecule capable of modifying pollen-specific expression, comprising a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of the sequences set forth in SEQ ID NO:2 and SEQ ID NO:3.